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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

August 7, 2003

Sir:

In reply to the Examiner's Office Action dated February 14, 2003, the due date for Response having been extended three (3) months to August 14, 2003, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

This paper includes:

Claim Set as Amended and Remarks.

The amendments presented herein comply with the "Revised Amendment Format" as set forth in the Official Gazette Notice dated February 25, 2003. In accordance with the Notice, therefore, the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.121 (a)-(d) are waived.

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